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INTRODUCTORY NOTICE.

Herewith we issue the first number of the HOOSIER STAMP, a monthly journal to be devoted to the interests of stamp collectors.

This magazine is not published to fill a "long felt want," but we hope it will enlighten the advanced collectors upon some subjects of which they were in ignorance and to aid the young collectors in the study of Philately.

We shall always hold our columns open for a free expression of opinion on all subjects and hope our readers and Philatelic brethren will not be backward in freely stating their views through the medium of our journal.

INDIANAPOLIS FROM A PHILATELIC STANDPOINT.

Indianapolis has long been considered philatelicly dead but has lately received a new impetus and is fast coming to the front.

Though it is not, as yet, one of the philatelic centers, we have many enterprising collectors and dealers in our midst, many of them A. P. A. and C. P. A. members.

Mr. A. J Gillett has a collection of over 5,000 varieties, which contain many fine specimens. Mr. Gillett is also a dealer of considerable prominence, giving attention chiefly to his approval sheet trade, which is quite extensive.

Dr. H. A. Edson has the finest collection in the city. It consists of about 6,000 varieties and is especially rich in old issues.

Ferd Chambers owns a collection of nearly 5,000. His specialty is stamps of the German States.

Chas. E. Babcock, editor of the Hoosier Stamp, is the possessor of a collection of 4,000 varieties containing stamps which are rarely found in larger collections.

Mr. W. H. Seaton is a collector of some years standing and possesses a large collection containing quite a number of valuable oddities.

Among the younger collectors might be mentioned Mr. Duncan Barbee, who has a collection of 4,000 varieties particularly full in U. S

This city is the home of several dealers, the most prominent of which is the Hoosier Stamp Co., a concern of six years standing. They give particular attention to their approval sheet trade, but also deal extensively in packets.

Mr. A. J. Gillet, another prominent dealer, has already been mentioned.

Prof. G. K. Green, ex-State Geologist, has the largest collection of minerals and fossils in the State. Mr. Greene also deals in stamps.

Mr. F. M. Noe has an office in the Cyclorama building. He deals in stamps, coins, minerals and curiosities.

Indianapolis has had at different times several philatelic societies, but for some reason they were soon disbanded. We hope, however, to give notice soon of the formation of a new society on a firmer footing than any of the preceeding ones.

THE J. R. HOOPER AUCTION.

The sale of Part 1 of J. R. Hooper's collection took place at the office of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., in New York, March 18th and 19th. The attendance was very good and the bidding keen. Mr. C. B. Corwin was the heaviest bidder and obtained nearly all of the best provisionals. The success of this sale has been very great and it is thought that nearly $3,000 was realized. Part II will be sold next fall, either in London or New York. We quote a few of the prices that were realized.

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27	Canada 6d, lilac, perf		$11.00
62	New Brunswick, 1 shil		22.50
66	" "	5c provisional	11.50
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86a.	" "	7d "	33.00
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89	" "	13c "	18.00
132a.	Nova Scotia	6d light green	36.00
146	" "	7½d provisional	12 00
147	" "	7½d "	12.00
148	" "	7½d "	17.05
153	Prince Edward Id.	3d "	17.50
179	Nova Scotia bill stamp	$3	10.50

THE INDIANA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Is a thing of the future and is yet to be formed. There is no reason why Indiana should not have a philatelic society. There have been many State societies formed in different parts of the United States, and the majority of them have been a decided success.

Indiana has within its boundaries a large number of collectors, among whom are many of considerable prominence and a noticable part of them are A. P. A. members.

We have spoken with several collectors in regard to this and they have concured with us in the belief that it would be of great benefit to the Indiana collectors.

We would be pleased to receive an expression of opinion from those interested in regard to the above contemplated society.—*Ed.*

GREAT BRITAIN RAILWAY STAMPS.

The government has made an arrangement with the railways of the Kingdom, by which letters may be carried on any train outside the mails, provided the government postal rate is prepaid by ordinary stamps and a fee of twopence extra to be paid in cash to the company, who will then affix and cancel a special stamp. The letters will either be left at the station or dropped in the post office at the destination, according as they are directed.

It is expected that the press will use this means largely. The stamps are of the same general design, being about 27x30 mm. and having "2d" in large type on a shield in the center of a double circle inscribed, "Fee for conveyance of single post letters by railway." At the top and bottom is the name of the issuing railway.

There are 87 railways in the king-

dom and it is supposed all will issue stamps. So far we have heard of the following:

South Eastern, perf. 11; Lond. Chatham and Dover, unperf; Dublin, Wicklow and Wex., perf. 10; Southern and Western, perf. 11; Waterford and Limerick, 12.—*P. J. of A.*

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Rothschilds are said to have a collection of stamps valued at 250,000 francs.

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We hear that the reason the New Zealand postal fiscals have come down in prices lately is because those offered have all been used in payment of telegrams. It seems that the same cancelling marks are used whether the stamps are placed on letters or telegrams and therefore to all intents and purposes, one stamp is as good as another for the collector's purpose.—*Met. Phil.*

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The United States stamped envelopes of the denomination of 10 cents, 30 cents and 90 cents will be discontinued under the new contract on account of the small demand for them by the public.

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W. S. Kinzer is to conduct an auction sale of stamps, coins, etc., at the Hollender, Cleveland, in a short time.

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The "one million stamp" game is being worked in Conn.

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A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, is going to close out his entire stock of postage stamps and deal exclusively in postal cards.

The Cream City Philatelist has failed to secure second-class postal rates.

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A few weeks ago two letters were mailed to the same address from the same place at the same time. One had a common two cent stamp and the other had an additional special delivery. The former was delivered at 2 p. m., the latter at 5 p.m.

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We recently saw two oddities that had passed through the post-office. One was prepaid with a 1 cent blue with a red head of Washington in the place of the head of Franklin. The other was mailed with a 2 cent red from which the center had been removed and a blue head of Franklin inserted.

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It has recently been discovered in Berlin that ten million counterfeits of the ten-pfennig stamps are in circulation.

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Post cards were first issued to the public by Austria-Hungary in 1869.

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The Indianapolis Journal recently had a lengthy article on stamps in its columns. This shows the increasing interest taken in our science outside of philatelic circles.

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The "Post Office" is a very neat paper.

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Editorial.

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" 1886, .5 red.	.15	.7
" " .10 violet,	.18	.8
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